

TFA Amendment regarding Middle School Entries

Justification:

Middle school students, grades, 6,7,8 can not qualify for the state tournament, yet their entry numbers are used to inflate total participants at a tournament skewing qualification points.

Proposed amendment:

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A tournament director must certify that the number of entries at the tournament do not include “phantom” entries. *(add) Middle school entries, from students in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade will not be considered in the total number of competitors in the event.* The number must include only those students who actually participate in at least one round of the scheduled event at the tournament, compete using their own names, and are listed with the appropriate school affiliation. Tournament directors who do not follow accepted practices will be considered to be in violation of the Professional Code of Conduct and applicable procedures will then apply.

Respectfully submitted

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